CHAPTER XII

INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUES

WHEN Dr. Sun was expelled from Canton for the second time his stock was very low. His status was not unfairly described on the eve of his expulsion by a not unsympathetic American observer, Mr. N, Peffer, in *Asia Magazine,* as follows :—

> "That he has outlived his usefulness even to the cause to which he has dedicated his life, I believe to be indisputable. He monopolizes that cause. Canton always has been and still is the home of the most advanced spirits in the country. In Canton now is the best single group *ol* men in China, the men best suited to lead China to solid ground. They are paralysed by Dr. Sun. Whenever they make a beginning to what may be called reconstruction, Sun enters, reasserts his leadership—because of his historical position, and really powerful personality, which cannot be denied him by anybody else in Canton—and diverts the movement to some mad political adventure of conquest to which it spends its energy and dies."

Dr. Sun had hardly left Canton on this occasion when the *Hongkong Telegraph* published translations of documents showing that he had been scheming for a Canton-German-Russian Alliance.

One of these documents is of sufficient interest to justify reproduction. It is a letter, dated Berlin, January i, 1922, from one Chu Wu-chong, to Dr. Sun, describing how he has spent the allotment of $6,000 remitted to him the previous July, and asking for further funds. He states

that he has got into touch with Von HSntze, formerly German Minister to China and reports as follows:—